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SBA's Pappas Tapped to Head Agency's National Office of Field Operations

NEW YORK – Michael Pappas, regional administrator of the U.S. Small Business Administration for the New York/New Jersey region, has been named associate administrator of the agency's Office of Field Operations, it was announced recently by SBA Administrator Hector Barreto.

As associate administrator, Pappas will oversee the network of SBA's field offices in its 10 regions and 70 districts across the 50 states, Puerto Rico, Guam, the U.S. Virgin Islands and the Marshall Islands. Pappas will continue to serve concurrently as regional administrator for the northeast region, a position he was appointed to in October 2001 by Administrator Barreto.

"I am extremely pleased to have Mike on our headquarters management team. His strong management skills and field experience will help move SBA forward in program delivery," Barreto said. Pappas, a former Member of Congress who served on the Small Business and National Security committees, said, "I look forward to this new challenge and helping Administrator Barreto enhance operational efficiency, improve customer service, and implement President Bush's Management Agenda."

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